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Ms. Judy-Ann Mitchell
Strategic Planning and Multi-Media Programs Branch
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II
290 Broadway
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Dear Ms. Mitchell:

SUBJECT: TRUSTEE NOTIFICATION - GARFIELD GROUNDWATER
CONTAMINATION, BERGEN COUNTY, NJ AND NEW CASSEL/
HICKSVILLE GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION, NASSAU COUNTY, NY

I am responding to the letters from EPA Region II dated November 7, 2011, in which the Regional Administrator requested the Department of the Navy identify natural resources for which we serve as trustee that might be affected by releases investigated at the following National Priorities List (NPL) sites; Garfield Groundwater Contamination, Bergen County, NJ and New Cassel/Hicksville Ground Water Contamination, Nassau County, NY.

Our real estate specialists have researched Navy controlled property in New Jersey and New York. Based on this review, we have determined there are two Navy properties within a 20-mile radius of the NPL sites: NOSC Bronx, NY/NOSC Fort Schuyler, Bronx, NY; and MSCLANT Bayonne, NJ. Both facilities are fully developed and have major water bodies separating them from the NPL locations; therefore, we are aware of no natural resource assets that would fall under our trusteeship near the area of the cleanups in questions. Navy representatives have had no prior communications with the EPA Remedial Project Managers concerning the potential natural resource damages in connection with these NPL sites.

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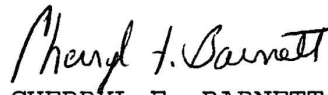
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We take our natural resource trustee responsibilities seriously. Should EPA discover information that would indicate the Navy does have trustee responsibility for any resources affected by these sites, please advise us at your earliest opportunity. Our point of contact is Mr. Tim Reisch, who can be reached at (757)341-2015 or Email timothy.reisch@navy.mil.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Program Manager

By direction of the Commander

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